

House District 3

Beth Kerttula, Democrat



DATE OF BIRTH: January 8, 1956

PLACE OF BIRTH: Guthrie, Oklahoma

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OCCUPATION: Attorney

LENGTH OF RESIDENCY IN ALASKA: 48 years

Juneau	1988 to present
Anchorage	1981-1988
Juneau & Palmer	1960-1981
Palmer	1956-1960

EDUCATION:
Juneau Douglas and Palmer High Schools, 1970-1974, Diploma; Stanford University, 1974-1978, B.A., Political Science; University of Santa Clara School of Law, 1978-1981, J.D.

POLITICAL AND GOVERNMENT POSITIONS:
Alaska House, 1998-2004, Committees include: Resources, Oil & Gas, Budget & Audit, Finance, Fisheries, Economic Development & Tourism, and BP-ARCO Merger; Assistant Attorney General, 1990-1998; Counsel, Alaska State Senate Judiciary Committee, 1987-1988; Assistant Public Defender, 1982-1986.

BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS:
Private law practice; past president, Alaska Bar Association.

SERVICE ORGANIZATION(S) MEMBERSHIP:

Alaska Native Sisterhood Camp 2; past president, Juneau Big Brothers/Big Sisters; Alaska Legal Services Pro Bono Program.

SPECIAL INTERESTS:

Family, reading, kayaking, cross-country skiing

OTHER:

Hugh Malone Award for Public Service, 2004; Center for Women Policy Studies Fellow, 2004; Roosevelt Fellow, 2003; Toll Fellow, 2002; Alaska Association for Community Education Award for Outstanding Work by a Community Member (Urban), 2000.

STATEMENT:

Representing Juneau has been a great honor. During the last six years I have worked hard to do a good job for you in the legislature.

My legislative priorities are:

- * Education,
- * Oil and gas issues,
- * Fiscal policy,
- * Responsible resource development,
- * Health care, and
- * Senior issues.

Last session, as Minority Whip, I was a member of the House Leadership team that was able to get an historic increase in education funding. This was a critical first step toward rebuilding our education system.

As a member of the House Resources, Oil & Gas, and Legislative Budget & Audit Committees, I have been active in the legislative policy supporting a gas pipeline and in our state's oil tax and incentive structure, which must be revised to reflect the current world situation. This is an important part of resolving our fiscal problems.

Last session I was proud to have the most bills and resolutions passed of any minority member. These included right-to-know labeling for farmed fish and meat products, avalanche safety funding, and constituent-driven legislation.

While I am proud to have led on statewide education, resource, and fiscal policy issues, I am continually reminded that the most important thing I do is serve you. Keeping the capital in Juneau, fighting for our Marine Highway system, working for Juneau's senior citizens, and helping constituents with issues is not only a duty, it is a pleasure.

Thank you for allowing me to serve. I would appreciate your vote.

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